

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A storage control apparatus that receives a packet including data required to execute a predetermined command and that executes the command based on the data in the packet received, comprising:
 - 5 an attribute registering unit to register information about an attribute of packets that are receivable corresponding to a command;
 - an attribute acquiring unit that acquires information about an attribute of the packet received; and
 - a reception error handling unit that, upon occurrence of a
- 10 reception error that there is no information in the attribute registering unit corresponding to the information acquired by the attribute acquiring unit, executes a predetermined reception error handling routine according to a type of the reception error.
- 15 2. The storage control apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the information about the attribute of the packet includes information about a type of the packet, and
- the reception error handling unit abandons the packet received upon occurrence of a reception error that there is no information about
- 20 the type of the packet in the attribute registering unit corresponding to the information about the type of the packet acquired by the attribute acquiring unit.
3. The storage control apparatus according to claim 1, wherein
- 25 the information about the attribute of the packet includes

information about a length of the packet, and

the reception error handling unit abandons the packet received upon occurrence of a reception error that there is no information about the length of the packet in the attribute registering unit corresponding to the information about the length of the packet acquired by the attribute
5 acquiring unit.

4. The storage control apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the information about the attribute of the packet includes
10 information about a sequence of receiving the packet, and the reception error handling unit abandons the packet received upon occurrence of a reception error that there is no information about the sequence of receiving of the packet in the attribute registering unit corresponding to the information about the sequence of receiving of the
15 packet acquired by the attribute acquiring unit.

5. The storage control apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the reception error handling unit executes a part of the reception error handling routine as a firmware process executed by a microcomputer.
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6. A storage apparatus that receives a packet including data required to execute a predetermined command and that executes the command based on the data in the packet received, comprising:
an attribute registering unit to register information about an
25 attribute of packets that are receivable corresponding to a command;

an attribute acquiring unit that acquires information about an attribute of the packet received; and

a reception error handling unit that, upon occurrence of a reception error that there is no information in the attribute registering
5 unit corresponding to the information acquired by the attribute acquiring unit, executes a predetermined reception error handling routine according to a type of the reception error.

7. The storage control apparatus according to claim 6, wherein
10 the information about the attribute of the packet includes information about a type of the packet, and

the reception error handling unit abandons the packet received upon occurrence of a reception error that there is no information about the type of the packet in the attribute registering unit corresponding to
15 the information about the type of the packet acquired by the attribute acquiring unit.

8. The storage control apparatus according to claim 6, wherein
20 the information about the attribute of the packet includes information about a length of the packet, and

the reception error handling unit abandons the packet received upon occurrence of a reception error that there is no information about the length of the packet in the attribute registering unit corresponding to the information about the length of the packet acquired by the attribute
25 acquiring unit.

9. The storage control apparatus according to claim 6, wherein
the information about the attribute of the packet includes
information about a sequence of receiving the packet, and

the reception error handling unit abandons the packet received
5 upon occurrence of a reception error that there is no information about
the sequence of receiving of the packet in the attribute registering unit
corresponding to the information about the sequence of receiving of the
packet acquired by the attribute acquiring unit.

10 10. The storage control apparatus according to claim 6, wherein the
reception error handling unit executes a part of the reception error
handling routine as a firmware process executed by a microcomputer.

11. A method of receiving a packet including data required to
15 execute a predetermined command and executing the command based
on the data in the packet received, comprising:

registering information about an attribute of packets that are
receivable corresponding to a command;

acquiring information about an attribute of the packet received;

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executing, upon occurrence of a reception error that there is no
information in the attribute registering unit corresponding to the
information acquired by the attribute acquiring unit, a predetermined
reception error handling routine according to a type of the reception
25 error.

12. The method according to claim 11, wherein
the information about the attribute of the packet includes
information about a type of the packet, and
the executing includes abandoning the packet received upon
5 occurrence of a reception error that there is no information about the
type of the packet in the attribute registering unit corresponding to the
information about the type of the packet acquired by the attribute
acquiring unit.

10 13. The method according to claim 11, wherein
the information about the attribute of the packet includes
information about a length of the packet, and
the executing includes abandoning the packet received upon
occurrence of a reception error that there is no information about the
15 length of the packet in the attribute registering unit corresponding to the
information about the length of the packet acquired by the attribute
acquiring unit.

14. The method according to claim 11, wherein
20 the information about the attribute of the packet includes
information about a sequence of receiving the packet, and
the executing includes abandoning the packet received upon
occurrence of a reception error that there is no information about the
sequence of receiving of the packet in the attribute registering unit
25 corresponding to the information about the sequence of receiving of the

packet acquired by the attribute acquiring unit.

15. The method according to claim 11, wherein the executing
includes executing a part of the reception error handling routine as a
5 firmware process executed by a microcomputer.

16. A computer program that realizes on a computer receiving a
packet including data required to execute a predetermined command
and executing the command based on the data in the packet received,
10 the computer program making the computer execute:

registering information about an attribute of packets that are
receivable corresponding to a command;

acquiring information about an attribute of the packet received;
and

15 executing, upon occurrence of a reception error that there is no
information in the attribute registering unit corresponding to the
information acquired by the attribute acquiring unit, a predetermined
reception error handling routine according to a type of the reception
error.

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17. The computer program according to claim 16, wherein
the information about the attribute of the packet includes
information about a type of the packet, and

the executing includes abandoning the packet received upon
25 occurrence of a reception error that there is no information about the

type of the packet in the attribute registering unit corresponding to the information about the type of the packet acquired by the attribute acquiring unit.

5 18. The computer program according to claim 16, wherein
 the information about the attribute of the packet includes
information about a length of the packet, and
 the executing includes abandoning the packet received upon
occurrence of a reception error that there is no information about the
10 length of the packet in the attribute registering unit corresponding to the
information about the length of the packet acquired by the attribute
acquiring unit.

 19. The computer program according to claim 16, wherein
15 the information about the attribute of the packet includes
information about a sequence of receiving the packet, and
 the executing includes abandoning the packet received upon
occurrence of a reception error that there is no information about the
sequence of receiving of the packet in the attribute registering unit
20 corresponding to the information about the sequence of receiving of the
packet acquired by the attribute acquiring unit.

 20. The computer program according to claim 16, wherein the
executing includes executing a part of the reception error handling
25 routine as a firmware process executed by a microcomputer.